

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO CONVENE
3 A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT FOR
4 HEALTH CARE DELIVERED TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE CUSTODY OF COUNTY
5 DETENTION FACILITIES.

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7 WHEREAS, county detention facilities provide health
8 care, including mental health care, to individuals in the
9 custody of county detention facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, county detention facilities experience serious
11 difficulties in obtaining fair rates from health care
12 providers; and

13 WHEREAS, the problem of obtaining fair health care
14 provider rates is exacerbated by the fact that individuals in
15 custody automatically lose medicaid eligibility upon entry
16 into the county detention system; and

17 WHEREAS, the inability of county detention facilities to
18 secure affordable health care provider rates limits the
19 ability of county governments to be appropriately accountable
20 to local taxpayers for these costs; and

21 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of counties seeks to
22 implement policy that would require health care providers
23 that receive any state taxpayer money to charge county
24 detention facilities at the same reimbursement rates they
25 charge for medicaid or any other state program in which the

1 providers participate;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy
4 commission convene a task force consisting of representatives
5 from the New Mexico association of counties, the department
6 of health, the human services department, health care
7 providers who provide care to county detention facility
8 inmates, the corrections department, the New Mexico medical
9 society and the New Mexico primary care association; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be charged
11 with developing recommendations for health care provider
12 reimbursement for health care delivered to individuals in
13 county detention facility custody; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force present
15 recommendations to the legislative health and human services
16 committee by November 1, 2008; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico health policy
19 commission, the president of the New Mexico association of
20 counties, the chair and vice chair of the 2008 legislative
21 health and human services committee, the secretary of health,
22 the secretary of human services, the secretary of corrections,
23 the president of the New Mexico medical society and the
24 president of the New Mexico primary care association. _____